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#### TRANSMITTAL OF RULE 132 DECLARATION

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Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is a § 132 declaration of the inventor Dr. William E. Marshall of the above-identified application. It describes experimental results which further substantiate and support the earlier amendment filed on January 12, 1998.

It is respectfully requested that this declaration be considered and made of record in the above identified case.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### 132 DECLARATION OF DR. WILLIAM E. MARSHALL

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Dear Sir:

- I, Dr. William E. Marshall hereby declare the following.
- 1. I am the inventor on the above-identified case and am familiar with the prosecution including the office action dated July 10, 1997.
- 2. My background includes a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois, post-doctoral training at Uppsala University and Cambridge University, assistant professor of biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, director of technology development at General Foods Corp., president of the Microbial Genetics Division of Pienear Hibred International, member of the Iowa Academy of Sciences, chairman of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Users Advisory Board of the U.S. Congress, member of the advisory panel on biotechnology to the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress, member of the advisory panel on intellectual property to the GATT, and associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the New York Medical College.
- 3. This declaration brings forward evidence of the numerous ways that we have stressed bacteria to induce the production of stress response factors.

- 4. The term "stress" as it relates to microorganisms particularly with respect to chemical, physical or biological stress, is a term known and understood to chose of skill in the art of microbiology. One recent definition of stress is found in Microbiological Reviews 59:(3), 506-531 (1995), "Stress-Inducted Transcriptional Activation" by Willem H. Mager and Adriaan J.J. De Kruijff, "Living cells display a rapid molecular response when they are exposed to adverse environmental conditions. This ubiquitous phenomenon is commonly designated stress response, and it can be considered a general reaction to metabolic disturbances."
- 5. Based upon my years of research with stress response factors, we have shown, and it is my opinion, that any form of stress for bacteria causes release of stress response factors.
- 6. I have personally been involved in experiments in inducing stress to bacteria by numerous means using chemical, biological or physical stress known to the art of microbiology.
- 7. My goal has been to understand the relationship between bacterial stress and the host immune system. My experiments have focused on those adverse environmental conditions that were commonly being encountered by bacteria either during ingestion by animals or as part of the normal flora populating the non-sterile tissues of animals (i.e. the oral mass) cavity, the outer ear, esophagus, stimach, intestinal tract and vagina). Transferring from culture to saliva, nutrient deprivation, concentrating, diluting, heating, and exposure to antibiotics would all be examples of typical stresses encountered by these bacteria.
- 8. Is have personally been involved in experiments conducted to avaluate the following stress conditions and their ability to generate SRP's as listed below.

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- (a) No bacteria release SRFs at the same rate when transferred into either 0.01M phosphate buffer. phosphate-buffered saline, or Minimul Media-Davis plus 0.1% dextrose?

  Yes. Motebook V. page 1, July 15, 1996.
- (b) Do bacteria release SRFs from their stationary phase as well as from their log phase?
  Yes. Notabook V, pages 3-4. July 17, 1996
- (c) Are SRFs released after exposure to antibiotics?

  Yes. Motebook V. pages 14-15, 18-22, and 44-46,

  July 30, 1996.
- (d) At what dilutions will bacteria begin to release SRPs?
  A 10t dilution of the culture will induce the
  release of SRFs at a level equal to 80t of that
  released in 100t non-nutritive buffer. Notebook
  V. pages 23-27, August 5, 1996.
- (e) At what concentration of crowding do bacteria begin to release SRFs?

  When cultures are concentrated by 3-fold, SRFs are released at a level lower than that released at 10-fold concentrations. Notebook V, pages 25-27 and 75, August 6, 1996.
- (f) Do whole plant corn silages release SRFs when transferred into non-nutrient environments?
  Yes. Motebook V, pages 30-31, 35-38, September 9, 1996.
- (g) Do silage inoculant strains (e.g. L. plantarum and g. faccium) release SRFs when transferred from broth to 0.1M acetate buffer, pH 4.0?

  Tes. but at a level lower than at pH at or above 6.5. Notebook V, pages 39-43, September 25, 1996.
- (h) Do silage inoculant strains release SRFs when transferred from broth to saliva? Yes. Notebook V, pages 39-41, September 25, 1996 and Notebook VI, pages 1-27, April 2, 1997.

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- (i) Do milk strains (L. caseii) release 3Rfs when stressed in 0.9% saline, saliva or phosphate buffers?

  Yes. Notabook V, pages 69-73, December 10, 1996.
- (j) Do yogurt strains release SRFs when transferred from broth to saliva-mimicking buffers?
  Yes. Motebook II, pages 36-40. January 10, 1995.
- (k) Noes X-ray irradiation induce the release of bacterial SRFs? Yes. Notabook I, pages 20 and 25, May 26, 1993.
- (1) How rapidly are SRFs released?

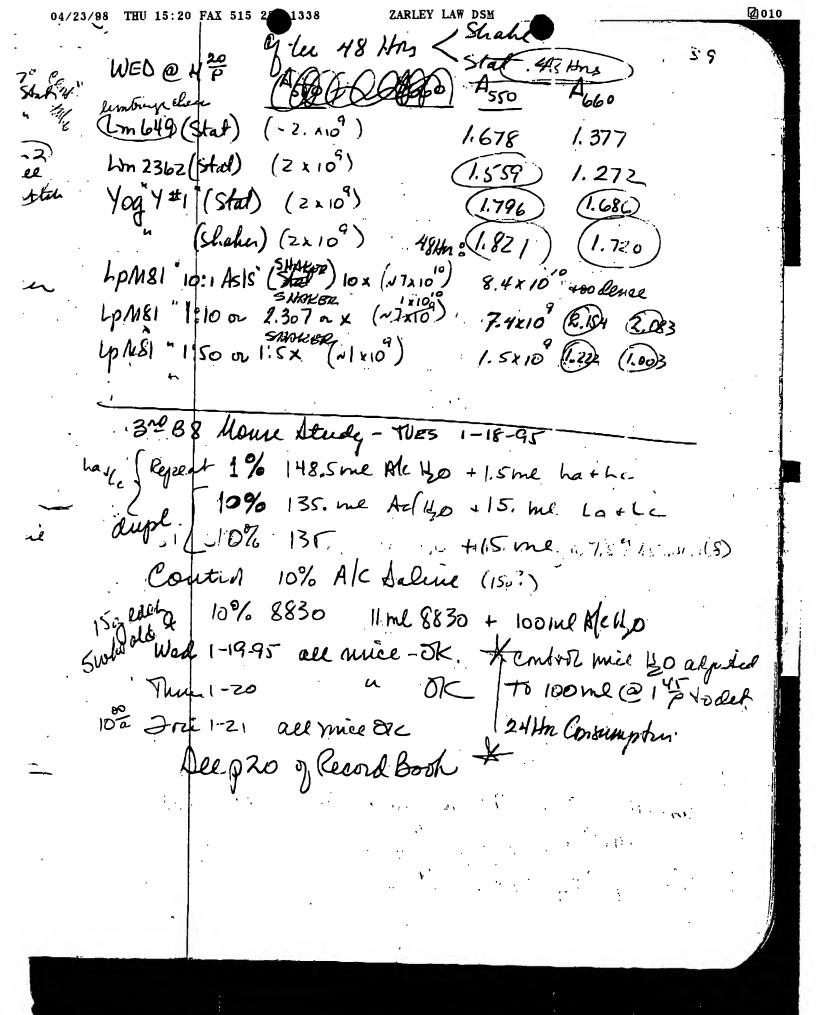
  SRFs are released within the first 10 minutes when transferred from culture to phosphate-buffered saline, pR 7.6. Motebook VII, pages 45 and beyond, July 21, 1997-April, 1998.
- 9. All of the above-identified experiments were conducted using standard experimental conditions and using a protocol similar to that evidenced by the notebook pages attached herewith which evidence stress response factor generation after exposure to antibiotics (c) and to saliva mimicking buffers (j).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1007 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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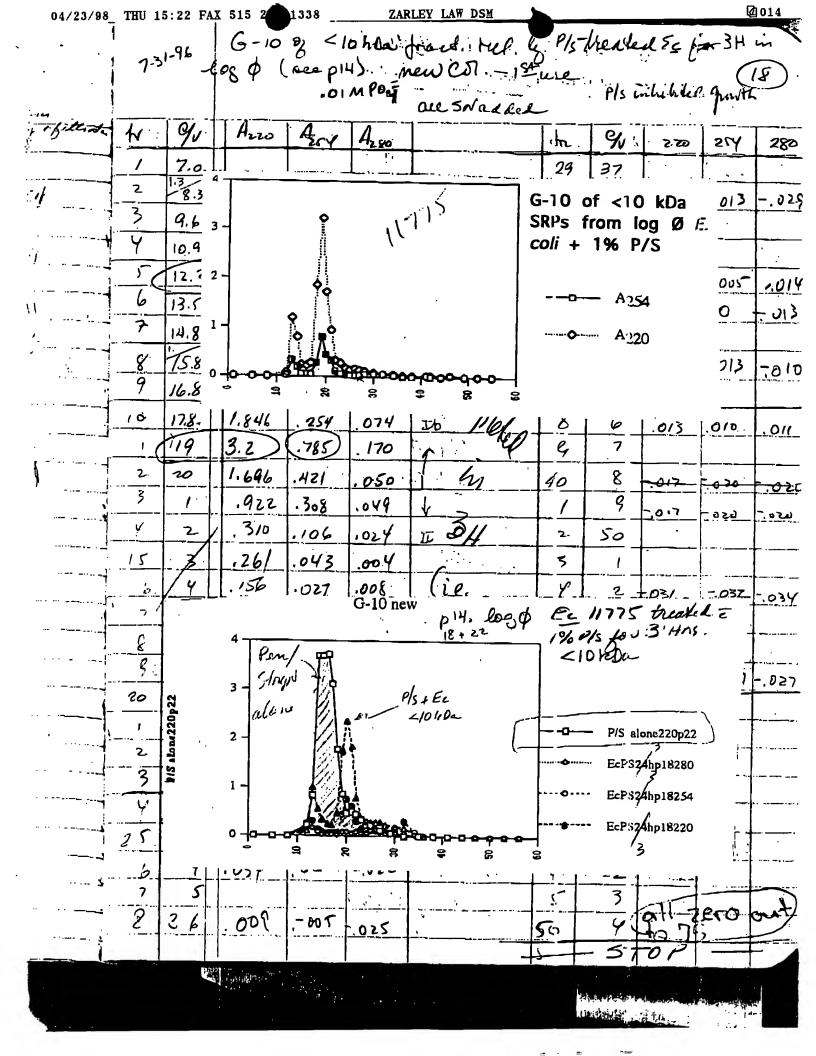
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